

REMARKS

Claims 1 to 20 and 40 to 58 were pending in the application at the time of examination. The Examiner issued a restriction requirement restricting the invention to one of the following three groups:

- I. Claims 1-8, drawn to a data structure, classified in class 707, subclass 103;
- II. Claims 9-18, drawn to an operating system, wherein the data structure of Group I is scheduled for execution, classified in class 718, subclass 100; and
- III. Claims 19-20 and 40-58, drawn to a method of inter-process communication, classified in class 719, subclass 315.

Applicant chooses to elect group I, Claims 1-8, drawn to a data structure, classified in class 707, subclass 103. Consequently, Applicant respectfully requests Claims 9 to 20 and 40 to 58 be cancelled, without prejudice, to be pursued in a future application.

For the foregoing reasons, Applicant respectfully requests examination of Claims 1 to 8. If the Examiner has any questions relating to the above, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned Attorney for Applicant.

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